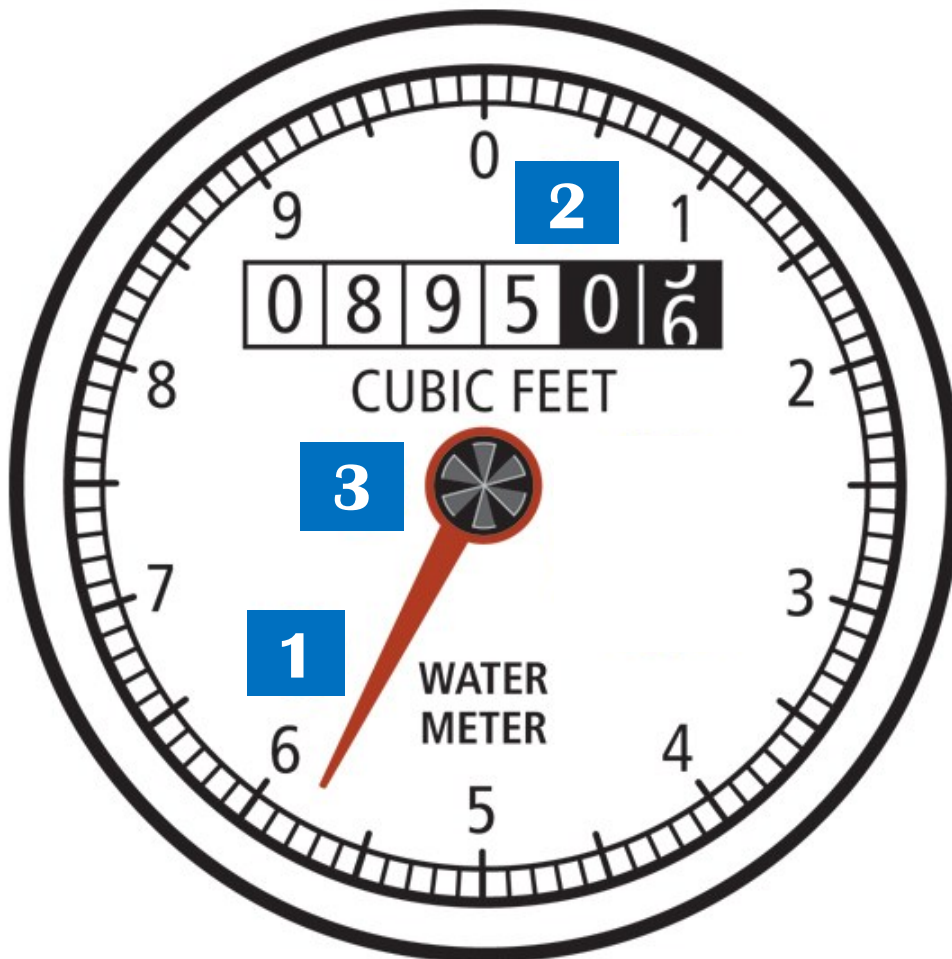


# How to Read Your Water Meter

**Read your water meter** - Locate your water meter by the curb in your front yard. Read the meter straight across like the odometer of a car. Read the white numbers only. In this example, the meter reads 895 HCF. Not all water meters look the same but this example is representative of most meters throughout the city.

1

**Sweep Hand** - Each full revolution of the sweep hand indicates that one cubic foot of water (7.48 gallons) has passed through the meter. The markings at the outer edge of the dial indicate tenths and hundredths of one cubic foot.



## Check for Leaks!

1. Check the meter and record the read
2. Make sure all water is off & don't use any water for two hours
3. Go back and check the meter

If the numbers are not exactly the same as when you started, you probably have a leak and should contact a plumber.

You can also use the leak indicator or tattle tale. If you think all water is off and it is spinning, you may have a leak.

2

**Meter Register** - Tracks all water that has passed through the meter, similar to a car odometer. Water is measured in Cubic Feet (all numbers) and billed in Hundred Cubic Feet or HCF (white numbers only). 1 HCF = 748 gallons.

3

**Leak Indicator** - Small dial in the middle of your meter that senses small amounts of water moving through the meter, flows too low for the sweep hand to register.

